

I-chabod And America's Churches

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"I-Chabod" could be written above the door of most churches in America today. "I-Chabod," that's an interesting name. I'd often heard the term but never really knew what it meant. So recently I studied the what I-Chabod means and here's what I learned.

Israel had done evil in the sight of the Lord. The book of Judges covers a time period of about 300 years **from 1,370 BC to 1,075 BC**). The book of 1st Samuel (1110 BC to 1,025 BC) begins during the last 35 years of the book of Judges.



There was no king in the land, so God raised up men and women of God to judge (lead) the people; hence the name Judges...

Judges 2:12, "And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger."

I'll get back to the time of the Judges in a moment, but first what does I-Chabod mean? Because of Israel's wickedness, God gave them into the hands of their enemies, the Philistines. The Jews were arrogant (like sinful Americans today), rejoicing in the streets when the Ark of God was paraded down the street. They thought they were invincible because they possessed the Ark of the God (just like Americans think they're invincible to destruction), but then the Philistines conquered Israel and stole the Ark of the Covenant. The prophet Eli's two sons were slain in the battle. 30,000 Jewish soldiers (footmen) died in the battle. When Eli heard that the Ark of Go was gone, he fell back and broke his neck (he was obese).

Eli's daughter-in-law had just given birth to a son, and the other women tried to encouraged her in the death of her husband and father-in-law (Eli). Hey, you have a new son! She mourned because the Ark of God was gone and named her child, I-Chabod, meaning, THE GLORY OF THE LORD HAS DEPARTED!!!

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God dwelt amongst the people in the Old Testament in the Ark of the Covenant (or the Ark of God as it was called), and later God dwelt in Solomon's temple when it was finished. Today, God dwells in the body of each and every Christian believer (1st Corinthians 3:16-17). That's why every believer ought to glorify God, and be very careful, about how we display and take care of our body. To abuse one's body is to abuse God's temple!!! Oh, how privileged we truly are to have God's presence within our soul as His children. Amen!!!

I-chabod is written over the door's of most of America's churches, who have forsaken the Lord for corrupted versions of the Bible. We have swapped out our inspired King James Bible for the deception of the perverted New International Version (and all modern corrupted Bible versions). I-chabod is written on all modern Bibles!!! I-chabod is written on all apostate churches, who these days teach psychology instead of the Doctrine of Christ. I-chabod is written across today's euphoric apostate *Contemporary Christian Music* (CCM) that glorifies religion, self and personal relationships instead of uplifting the precious Lord Jesus Christ and Biblical truth!!! To uplift the name of Jesus without also lifting up His deity, Godhead and bodily resurrection is apostasy!

I-chabod is written across our nation, for we have forsaken the God of the Bible. The arrogant U.S. Supreme Court has sinfully banned the Bible, God and prayer from America's classrooms since 1963. They invited the Devil right in to stay! Listen to how the book of Judges parallels America's wickedness today in 2014...

Judges 2:16-17, "Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so."

Judges 2:19-20, " And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way. And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice."

I love the Bible, for it is a Lamp unto my feet as Psalms 119:105 teaches. Amen! Every Christian should live (abide) in the Scriptures (John 15:1-7). In John 5:39 Jesus commanded for every believer to **SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!!!** We are on the winning

side in Jesus Christ!!! Heaven is our eternal home!!! Let's not live where the dark world lives. Christians are not to fellowship with darkness or those who live in darkness (2nd Corinthians 6:14-17). God is always correct!!!

People come and go, but God is always the same! I'm going to side with the Bible on every issue. I only use the beloved King James Bible, because all other modern versions have been corrupted. Thank you Lord for your precious Words!

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